


REMARKS

It is requested that the above amendment be entered under 37 CFR 1.312 in order to complete the cross reference in the specification to prior-filed applications.

Page 1 of the Transmittal of Continuing Application filed on April 9, 2004 includes references to both Application No. 08/919,499 and Application No. 09/562,781, the preliminary amendment requested in point 4 on page 2 refers only to Application No. 09/562,781. The amendment now proposed is desired in order to complete the cross reference in the specification to both prior-filed applications of which benefit is claimed.

The proposed amendment does not affect the scope of the claims or require reopening of prosecution for any other reason. It is therefore requested that the amendment be entered under 37 CFR 1.312 without withdrawing the application from issue.

Respectfully submitted,



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